

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 186

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Winnell Pittenger on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Winnell Pittenger will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 18, 2017, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the third of eight children, Winnell Pittenger was born to George Harvey Williams, Sr., and Lela Bryan Williams and raised in Gum Creek in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-three years, Ms. Pittenger worked at General Mills in Chicago, Illinois, where she packed boxes of two of the most iconic varieties of cereal in American culture—Cheerios and Wheaties; her work ethic and positive attitude earned her the respect of her peers and supervisors alike; and

WHEREAS, Winnell Pittenger was joined in marriage with Louis Lackey, and the couple's blessed union produced one child, Brenda Lackey; Ms. Pittenger later married her second husband, Owen Pittenger; and

WHEREAS, a courageous woman of great resilience, Ms. Pittenger is a breast cancer survivor; she participated in her first Race for the Cure in her nineties; and

WHEREAS, an avid traveler whose passions include cooking, cards, and conversation, Ms. Pittenger holds that the secret to longevity is to live a good, clean life; and

WHEREAS, a devout woman of faith, Winnell Pittenger is a longtime member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Tullahoma, where her compassion is admired by all of those in her congregation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pittenger is a humble, kind, and generous woman who works quietly to care for the ones she loves; she has been blessed with the love of a host of friends and family, many of whom continue to see her home as a welcoming gathering place; and

WHEREAS, as Winnell Pittenger approaches her eleventh decade, she maintains a zest for life, even requesting fireworks as part of her birthday celebration; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Winnell Pittenger on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.